

# PUBLIC NOTICE

**PERMIT APPLICATION:** NRS #06.134

**APPLICANT:** State of Tennessee  
Department of Transportation  
Environmental Planning and Permits Division  
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505 Deaderick Street  
Nashville, TN 37243-0334  
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**LOCATION:** State Route 91 from SR 421 to North of Cole Springs Road  
Johnson County

**WATERSHED DESCRIPTION:** The Laurel Creek watershed consists of numerous springs and wetlands draining a wide montane valley. Land use is predominantly rural/agricultural. The affected area consists of a spring and associated wetland. The spring channel is narrow (>1 ft.) and flows westward into Wills Branch. The existing vegetation along the springs channel is mature hardwoods and pasture.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The applicant proposes to construct a new segment of SR 91 from SR-421 to north of Cole Springs Road along a new alignment. At Station 12+486+/- (Lt.) to Sta. 12+560+/- (Lt.) there would be a relocation of 256 ft. of stream channel into a channel 305 ft. in length resembling the original channel morphology and flow. From Station 11+005+/- (Lt) to Sta. 11+068+/- (Lt) there would be permanent impacts to 0.22 acre and temporary impacts to 0.04 acre of wetlands.

Impacts to wetlands would be mitigated by debiting, at a 2:1 ratio, 0.44 acre from available credit from the Shady Valley wetland Mitigation Bank in Johnson County. Standard erosion control devices would be used to prevent sediment from entering flowing water. Upon completion of the work, all disturbed areas would be stabilized.

**PERMIT COORDINATOR:** Brian Canada, STATE OF TENNESSEE, Department of Environment and Conservation Division of Water Pollution Control, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, L&C Annex, 401 Church Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1534

**USGS TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE:** Laurel Bloomery, TN (213-SE)

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:** The application described above has been submitted for an Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit pursuant to *The Tennessee Water Quality Control Act of 1977*, T.C.A. §69-3-108.

The purpose of this notice is to advise all concerned of the proposal for which a permit is sought, and to solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the probable impact of the activities upon the respective water resources. The decision whether to issue or deny will in part be based upon that evaluation. All factors that may be relevant to the proposals will be considered.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the issuance of a proposed permit are invited to submit comments in writing to the Department of Environment and Conservation Division of Water Pollution Control at the address listed above. Written statements received in this office on or before the date of expiration of the comment period thirty days from the publication date of this

notice will become part of the record and will be considered in the determination. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced.

Interested persons may also request in writing that the director of the Division hold a public hearing on any application. The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person requesting it, and the reasons that the hearing is warranted. When there is sufficient public interest, the director shall hold a hearing in accordance with Rule 1200-4-7-.04(4)(f).

After consideration of comments submitted during the public comment period, the hearing record if any, and the requirements of federal and State law, the director of the Division will make determinations regarding the final action on each permit. Permit applications, supporting documentation, and related comments are available for review and/or copying.



